Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It was commenced in 1090 M. E and stopped from the beginning of 1116 M. E.

(*c*) Since the major portion of the farm lands was leased out in 1116, it was considered uneconomical to maintain working animals throughout the year.

Ploughing in the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram.

17. [36] * **Mr. V. Chellam Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they use machines for ploughing etc., in the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram;

(*b*) if not, why; and

(*c*) in what way they are getting these works done?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Because it is not economical to use machines for ploughing where manual labour is comparatively cheap.

(*c*) Ploughing is done by means of hired bullocks and labour.

Agricultural demonstration in Nanjinad.

18 [37] * **Mr. V. Chellam Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether agricultural demonstrations are being conducted in the various villages in Nanjinad in recent years; and

(*b*) if so, whether the results of these demonstrations are published in the Government Gazette.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The results are published in the departmental administration reports.

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